

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Babyface April 2001* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. It is mostly comprised of photostories containing depictions of young naked females and explicit sexual text. Even though these models are said to be over 18 years of age, some of them appear younger and this is further accentuated by text accompanying these images concentrating on youthfulness and sexual inexperience. Other text in advertisements, letters and articles advance the idea of sexual activity between young persons and adults. Collectively these images and text are primarily presented for the sexual arousal of the adult male reader and imply that young persons are legitimate partners for adults in sexual activity. The magazine therefore tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The criteria applied by the Office of Film and Literature Classification resulting in the limit on the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. For the reasons given above, this publication tends to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, thus deeming the publication objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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